

Beaverton Police Department

4755 S.W. Griffith Drive Beaverton, Oregon 97005

Chief Geoff Spalding

NEWS RELEASE



Released: January 19, 2016 Case No: N/A

Officer Mike Rowe Public Information Officer (503) 969-6502 or 526-2275

Open House on Body-Worn Camera Pilot Program

The Beaverton Police Department (BPD) was awarded a Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program Grant in the amount of \$150,000 for 100 cameras through the U.S. Department of Justice. This grant will help advance and expand the department's efforts to develop a comprehensive Body-Worn Camera (BWC) program. BPD will serve as a pilot program for other law enforcement agencies and will forward findings and best practices to the U.S. Department of Justice as part of the two year grant. The pilot program includes community engagement; development/ refinement of body-worn camera policy and procedures; researching, testing, and procuring equipment; deployment of cameras, and program evaluation.

The Beaverton Police Department is committed to ensuring continued high-quality service from our officers, increasing transparency and openness with the community, and strengthening trust for the police department. We hope the use of body-worn cameras will help facilitate this commitment.

BPD is seeking input from a broad representation of community members and leaders about the adoption and use of body-worn cameras. BPD representatives are meeting with various groups and will be hosting open houses to share information about the Body-Worn Camera Pilot Program and to listen to questions and concerns about the program. We welcome your input and hope you will stop by on one of the dates below. For more information, please contact Michelle Harrold at (503) 526-2517.

The open houses will be at the Beaverton Police Department located at 4755 SW Griffith Drive Beaverton, Oregon 97005 and will run from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The open houses will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 and Thursday, February 18, 2016.

